

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented): A computer user interface device, for use by a user for communicating information to a computer, the user interface device comprising:

a keyboard module for producing keyboard user function signals based on user input operations;

a specialty module directly couplable to said keyboard module for producing a specialized set of user function signals based on user input operations; and

circuitry, on said specialty module, for coupling the keyboard and specialized user function signals to the computer.

2-4 (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended): The computer user interface device as recited in claim 1, wherein the keyboard module ~~includes~~ comprises a mechanical coupling structure; and

the specialty module ~~includes~~ comprises a mechanical coupling structure, complementary with the mechanical coupling structure on the keyboard module.

6. (Currently Amended): The computer user interface device as recited in claim 5, wherein one of the mechanical coupling structures ~~includes~~ comprises a cavity.

7. (Currently Amended): The computer user interface device as recited in claim 5, wherein the mechanical coupling structures ~~include~~ comprise electrical connectors.

8-9 (Canceled).

10. (Previously Presented): The computer user interface device of claim 1, wherein the computer user interface device is one of a computer keyboard device, control panel and instrument panel.

11. (Currently Amended): The computer user interface device of claim 1, wherein said keyboard module ~~includes~~ comprises directional cursor movement keys and programmable function keys.

12. (Currently Amended): The computer user interface device of claim 5, wherein one of the mechanical coupling structures ~~includes~~ comprises guide rails and the other of said mechanical coupling structures ~~includes~~ comprises corresponding guide slots.

13. (Previously Presented): The computer user interface device of claim 1, further comprising a locking structure for coupling and locking said keyboard module and said specialty module together.

14. (Currently Amended): The computer user interface device of claim 13, wherein said keyboard module ~~includes~~ comprises a snap lock and said specialty module ~~includes~~ comprises a snap recess which is engaged by said snap lock.

15. (Currently Amended): The computer user interface device of claim 1, wherein said keyboard module ~~includes~~ comprises a side cavity in a central portion thereof sized to accommodate said specialty module.

16. (Currently Amended): A computer user interface device, for use by a user for communicating information to a computer, the user interface device comprising:

a first module for producing a first set of user function signals based on user input operations;

a second module directly couplable to said first module for producing a specialized set of user function signals based on user input operations; and

circuitry, on said second module, for coupling the first and second user function signals to the computer.